



# United States European Command

## PETER R. CHAVEAS

### Political Advisor to the Commander in Chief

Ambassador Chaveas has been the Political Advisor to the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces, Europe since August 1997. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, from 1994 to 1997. From 1993 to 1994, Ambassador Chaveas served as Director of the Office of West African Affairs and from 1991 to 1993, as Director of the Office of Southern African Affairs in the Department of State.

Ambassador Chaveas is a career Foreign Service Officer. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Chad, 1968 to 1970. His Foreign Service assignments have included Freetown, Sierra Leone, 1970-1973; Kaduna, Nigeria, 1973-75 and the Department of State 1976-79.



In 1980, Ambassador Chaveas was appointed Deputy Chief of Mission in Niamey, Niger and in the absence of an ambassador, he served as Charge d'Affairs from 1981 to 1982. From 1982 to 1985, he was Principal Officer in Lyon, France; from 1985 to 1988, Counselor for Political Affairs in Lagos, Nigeria; and from 1988 to 1990, Principal Officer in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Ambassador Chaveas was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 10, 1946. He earned a Bachelor of Arts (with honors) from Denison University in 1967 and a Master of Arts from Rutgers University in 1968. He was a Mid-Career Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University 1979 to 1980 and a member of the Senior Seminar, the most advanced international affairs training offered by the U.S. Government, 1990 to 1991. His foreign language is French.

Ambassador Chaveas is married to the former Lucille McLean. They have two children, Pamela Marie and Michael McLean.

Ambassador Chaveas holds the Department of State's Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards and three Senior Performance Pay Awards. He has been awarded an Alumni Citation and an Honorary Doctorate of Foreign Service (to be presented May, 1998) from Denison University. He is a member of the American Foreign Service Association and the Civil War Trust.